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1. A WELL-ORGANIZED, ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND PERSONS ASSEMBLED IN DOMINION SQUARE, ABOUT A MILE AWAY, EVENING SEPT. 13 AND MARCHED TO THIS OFFICE ESCORTED BY SEVERAL MOTORCYCLE POLICE, ARRIVING HERE ABOUT 1830, AND DEPARTING AFTER ROUGHLY ONE HOUR. THE MONTREAL POLICE HAD STATIONED SOME 20 POLICEMEN PLUS ADDITIONAL PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING, AND HAD A RESERVE OF SAME SIZE A BLOCK AWAY OUT OF SIGHT OF DEMONSTRATORS.

2. DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED IN PARADE ORDER, WITH LARGE BANNERS READING "CHILI - QUEBEC" AND MANY PLACARDS. SOME HAD ALLENDE'S PICTURE, OTHERS HAD SLOGANS READING
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"ITT - CHILI", "NOT SUICIDE BUT MURDER", "DOWN WITH

YANKEE IMPERIALISM", ETC. THERE WERE MANY CONTROL MAN IN THE MARCH WITH LOUDSPEAKERS LEADING THE GROUP IN SONGS, CHANTS AND SLOGANS SUCH AS "YANKEE GO HOME", "NIXON ASSASSIN", "ALLENDE", AND SO ON. SHORT SPEECHES WERE MADE BY SEVERAL MEN AND ONE WOMAN. ONE LOCAL PAPER QUOTES GEORGE BENELLO, IDENTIFIED AS AN AMERICAN SOCIOLOGIST ASSOCIATED WITH A LOCAL UNIVERSITY, AS SAYING HE WAS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE, AS HE IS RELATIVELY SURE BOTH ITT AND THE CIA WERE INVOLVED IN ALLENDE'S DOWNFALL.

3. PRINCIPAL SPEECH WAS BY FERNAND DAOUST, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOR. HIS THEME WAS: NIXON AND HIS LIKE HAVE KILLED THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE; THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD ARE IN MOURNING, AND THE WORKERS OF QUEBEC JOIN THEM. HE ALSO WARNED HIS AUDIENCE TO BE VIGILANT CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WHICH HE SAID CONSTITUTE THE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. HE ENDED BY CALLING FOR A MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR THE CHILEAN WORKERS WHO HAD DIED IN THE COUP.

4. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED INCLUDED THE CONFEDERATION OF NATIONAL TRADE UNIONS, THE QUEBEC TEACHERS CORPORATION, AND SOMETHING CALLED IN FRENCH THE "LOCALE POPULAIRE", DESCRIBED AS A LOOSELY KNIT ORGANIZATION OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS.

5. A LARGE NUMBER OF PAMPHLETS WERE HANDED OUT, INCLUDING ONE ON THE KILLING OF SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS AT CARLTONVILLE ON SEPTEMBER 11 (BLAMED ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND ITS ANGLO AMERICAN ALLIES), SOME FROM "GROUPE MARXISTE REVOLUTIONNAIRE", FROM "SOLIDARITE: QUEBECOIS-CHILIENS" AND OTHERS. ONE SHOWS UNCLE SAM TAKING DOLLARS OUT OF QUEBEC WITH ONE HAND AND POINTING A GUN AT CHILE WITH THE OTHER, THE CAPTION READING "ROB MONEY FROM QUEBECKERS, THE BETTER TO SHOOT CHILEAN WORKERS."

6. DEMONSTRATORS INCLUDED MANY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, STUDENTS, SOME MEN WHO SEEMED TO BE LABORERS, AND A FEW UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL DRESSED OLDER PEOPLE. ALL CHANTS AND SPEECHES WERE IN FRENCH. AN OCCASIONAL BLACK, ASIAN, OR APPARENT ANTI-AMERICAN TYPE WAS NOTED, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE FRANCOPHONE CANADIANS. DEMONSTRATION WAS WELL ATTENDED BY PRESS, RADIO AND TV REPRESENTATIVES, AND HAS RECEIVED FULL BUT NOT REPEAT NOT PROMINENT COVERAGE IN SUBSEQUENT NEWSCASTS AND MORNING PRESS.

7. NO THREAT WAS MADE TOWARD CONSULATE GENERAL PROPERTY.
ALL PERSONNEL HAD DEPARTED BEFORE DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED
EXCEPT DUTY OFFICER AND SECURITY OFFICER, WHO REMAINED TO
OBSERVE PROCEEDINGS IN CASE OF TROUBLE. THE EXCELLENT
COVERAGE PROVIDED BY MONTREAL POLICE FORCE WAS DOUBTLESS
A STABILIZING FACTOR IN ORDERLY CONTROL OF THE
DEMONSTCATORS, AND IN LINE WITH THE PROMPT AND EFFICIENT
ACTION WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED FROM THAT FORCE.
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